Extracts from a letter of A. W. Weston to his sisters Caroline & Deborah Summer Street Boston
May 22nd 1843.

I read Childs letter as soon as I got opportunity I found it very much better than I had expected Emma's account had filled me with such fears that when I really saw the thing itself I was greatly relieved It was written in a candid manly spirit. There were some things that might have been more clearly expressed, but on the whole I thought I could vote for his appointment albeit I came in town thinking I should go against him if no one else did. The whole Board assembled at 3 Ellis was very desirous to do away with all obligation and Garrison to my astonishment seemed equally resolute to prove Child just the man. Wendell had no idea of going against him but his whole behavior was the most pigment of any. Finally Child was unanimously appointed & then Ellis was asked to write him a private letter urging him to come to Boston on his way to New York that he might have friendly talks with the Friends. Ellis read the letter after he had finished it. In it he more once told Child how the Board or rather the Ex. Com. understood this and so of his letter, alluding to a few misty sentences. Garrison then read an excellent address which is to be published in this weeks Standard, a few verbal alterations were made to which Garrison was very conformable & it was then voted that the resolution about Mrs C should be published in the Standard. This was Ellis motion seconded by Wendell. Nothing is to be

said about it in the paper but that it was accidentally omitted. Everybody seemed in a good frame of mind and the meeting was an interesting one.

This morning Maria has written to Gibbons about the Res. also a letter pressing Abby Kelly to come to the convention — A letter has just been brought in from Wendell to Mrs Child, it is a very kind and good letter, it explains why the resolution about her must be published. He ends by alluding to her saying that she is going to leave the A. S. Cause & goes on thus - "I'll be bold under your leave, to say in the face of your own conscience heart & principles you dare not do it, and would not if you dare."

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